

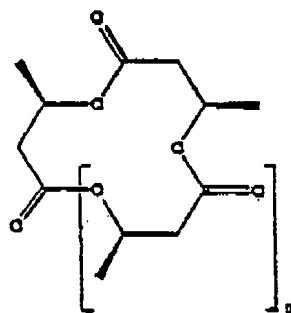
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Method of producing a physiologically acceptable ketosis such as to treat a patient in need of therapy for one or more of Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Free Radical disease, Heart failure and Duchenne's muscular dystrophy by oral administration to the patient of a cyclic oligomer of formula (I)



where n is an integer of 1 or more or a complex thereof with one or more cations or a salt thereof, wherein the physiologically acceptable ketosis is characterized by blood levels of (R)-3-hydroxybutyrate of from 0.5 to 20 mM.